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Elections and Appointments Committee (E&A)
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UCF Student Union – via Zoom
Meeting ID: 938 5890 7339
Thursday, May 21st, 2020
2:00 PM

MEETING AGENDA

1. Call to Order: 2:06 PM
2. Roll Call & Verification of Quorum:

<u>Name</u>	<u>E-Mail</u>	<u>Initial</u>	<u>Final</u>
Chair Moscol	sga_ea@ucf.edu	E	E
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Senator Moore	sga_sci3@ucf.edu	E	E
Senator Foster	sga_hm1@ucf.edu	P	P
Chair Galloway	sgachps3@ucf.edu	A	A
Senator O'Blenis	sga_grst4@ucf.edu	P	P
Senator Bonfont	sga_grst1@ucf.edu	P	P

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Senator Said	sga_sci8@ucf.edu	2:34 PM	P
LJR Rep		P	P
Pro Tempore Rep		P	P

Quorum Verified: 5/9

3. Approval of the Minutes: approved by GC
4. Approval of the Agenda: approved by GC
5. Announcements from the Chair:
 - a. Correa-Ferro: Hi guys, your chair had an appointment for today so he will be joining the meeting a little bit later. Everything can be accessed through the E&A drive. The Vice Chair position is now vacant. If you would like to run for vice chair, we will be holding the elections next week and we will open up nominations during miscellaneous business later today.
 - b. Brodie: I don't have any announcements but depending on how long this takes, y'all might consider having elections today because next week's meeting will probably be really long due to all the Senate appointments that are going to be made tonight.
6. Announcements from Committee Members: none
7. Announcements from Non-Committee Members: none
8. Old Business: none
9. New Business:
 - a. Confirmations
 - i. Bryce Wyatt - Athletics Coordinator
 1. Speech: Thank you so much for giving me this opportunity to let you know more about myself. I am majoring in integrated business, and I am from Clearwater , Florida. I have had a lot of experience with athletics during my years in college. I have held an internship in that field which has allowed me to learn a lot more about how things are run in the industry. My main goal throughout the year is to keep creating the same athletic experiences that UCF has been offering and that have made me fall in love with this university in the first place.
 2. Questioning:
 - a. O'Blenis: Which one would you rather be in a position of leadership effective or efficient, along with explaining Why?
 - i. I would say being a little more effective in this role would be more important. If I could get all the initiatives that I have done throughout the year that's what I think would be best. :

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- b. Correa-Ferro: Out of all of your initiatives, which one are you most excited about?
 - i. I am most excited about “The Ultimate Knight” challenge where students would get points for the athletic events they go to. We would choose 5 to 10 students throughout the year. By doing that, we would get more students in the stands and it would be super cool to recognize them at the spring games just to encourage students to come out. There is a program similar to this right now but it is not as effective if we could make it under Student Government, it would be more effective.
 - c. Lopez: How do you think COVID19 will affect your initiatives?
 - i. I have been reading and watching a lot about sports. Luckily, a lot of things are starting to open back up. With football especially, we could reduce the amount of people in the stands but I would just have to adjust some of my initiatives. Overall, I can do a lot of my initiatives online and make them just as effective. If students are home and we are not able to fans, we could have online watch parties.
 - d. Lopez: For your initiative about watch party tailgates for away games, Knightro, Marching Knights and Cheer Team are all, for the most part in attendance with the football team at away games. How would you plan to work with the athletics department to make this initiative possible?
 - i. Obviously, there is more than one knightro, we could always have another one. We would have to have a smaller band there. Overall, watch parties would be the way to go. The key would be to have engaged students participate and make the turnout just as successful.
 - e. Lopez: In regards to the watch parties, have you considered any potential concerns and if so have you considered any solutions?
 - i. What you are referring to is the overflow watch parties. It is the issue where some students would not be able to get into the stadium and watch the games. It would be cool to have some type of way for students to watch the games online. Transferring some students to the baseball field or anywhere else where they can watch online.
3. Debate:
- a. O’Blenis: I think Mr. Wyatt is very well-rounded and would serve well in this position. I like his name and based on his resume, he knows what to do and would serve well in this position.
 - b. Bonefont: I am going to abstain because I don’t participate in athletic events and I don’t know enough to vote on this candidate but I encourage

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the rest of the committee to vote in favor since his resume adds up and he seems to know what he will be doing.

4. Vote: 4-0-1
- ii. Alexandra Fabregas - Safety & Transportation Coordinator
 1. Speech: I am a rising sophomore and finance major with hopes to attend law school in the future. As soon as I started UCF, I knew I wanted to be involved with a lot of different things on campus. I have been involved with ALFPA, which is an organization that caters more to my professional career. I hope to be confirmed for this position because I have a lot of initiatives that can help with ensuring the safety of students on campus and especially for the females walking around campus.
 2. Questioning:
 - a. Bonefont: Please describe the parking appeal process.
 - i. When you get a parking ticket, you have 10 days to appeal it to parking services. If they don't grant you the appeal, then you can turn it to the judicial branch where they can overturn it for you.
 - b. Lopez: How do you believe COVID-19 will affect the goals and initiatives that you are trying to accomplish in your term as Safety and Transportation Coordinator?
 - i. I wanted to put some "glass" between seats and put floor stickers on every other seat so that every student would be safe and not be affected by the virus.
 - c. Lopez: With your solution to decrease the amount of students on shuttles, would you be able to increase the amount of shuttles that will be available?
 - i. That would be a decision that I would have to make with parking and discuss with the medical team. During the peak time, we would definitely have more shuttles available and even reroute certain shuttles that are not being used as much.
 - d. O'Blenis: How do you plan to promote safety around campus along with balancing students' civil liberties?
 - i. I want to work closely with the judicial and legislative branch and work with different ORC on campus. I want to promote general safety tips and do it in a way where nobody's civil liberties would get violated. I would be careful with the wording and make sure that communities and organizations on campus are being protected.
 - e. O'Blenis: Which one would you rather be in a position of leadership effective or efficient, along with explaining Why?
 - i. Effective. If I am effective, it would benefit the student body and initiate programs that would make the most impact.

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- f. Lopez: What are your goals for bike and pedestrian safety?
 - i. I want to work closely with UCF PD and parking and transportation services because they have a lot to say about that. I want to get UCF PD to enforce where students should be walking and where they should not. We would need to add more lighting at night so that bikers can be seen on the roads. I have definitely seen more students walking where they should not be and that is a big concern of mine.
 - g. Lopez: What plans do you have to gather information from other students not affiliated in Greek Life in regard to transportation issues?
 - i. I know that there is a committee that works with students and sends out surveys just to get students' feedback. I have made a lot of connections with students while I am at work and in my college, I have definitely heard the concerns. Everyone is important to me, and I want to make sure that everyone is represented and heard.
 - h. Bonefont: Please describe how you've managed conflict while in a leadership position.
 - i. I have played soccer my whole life growing up. I was captain of the soccer team growing up and there was a lot of conflict with positioning. One time I had to handle conflicts with a player and his mom and my coach reached out to me to talk to them. I talked to the girl and explained to her that she is part of something amazing and she matters to the team. Once she realized that, she actually understood her importance to the team and the issue resolved itself.
 - i. Bonefont: Why do you think you were appointed to this position?
 - i. I am very communicative, I love to talk to different people and get their opinions, the more you talk to people, the more opinions you can form. I have a passion for safety because personally if I feel unsafe I won't be able to move forward and do the things that I need to. As a woman, if I don't feel safe I can't get anything done. I want to make sure that everyone feels safe and that is what I expressed to Sabrina and Stephanie.
3. Debate:
- a. Bonefont: Initially, I was a little concerned about her experience but I think she has a lot of passion and motivation to get this job done. She will also learn as she is doing the job. I will be voting in favor, I encourage everyone to do the same.
 - b. O'Blenis: I want to applaud the president and vice president for this pick. To hear Alexandra weigh on civil liberties made me understand that she

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understands both sides of the issue and I think she will do great in her role. I encourage everyone to vote in favor.

c. Said: I really like all the answers she gave and I think she has some really good ideas especially with the COVID-19 issues. I am in favor.

4. Vote: 6-0-0

iii. Daniella Lopez - Diversity & Inclusion Coordinator

1. Speech: Thank you so much for giving me the opportunity. It is truly an honor. I am a management major. This past year, I was in SGLC and the program taught me to learn UCF. I learned how much impact you guys are able to make it. My goal is to make sure that everyone is represented and feels included on campus.

2. Questioning:

a. Bonefont: How do you promote diversity and inclusion in your own social circles?

i. I have friends from all different backgrounds. Being from Miami, it is considered a melting pt. My upbringing has allowed me to experience all sorts of different cultures. I have always put myself in situations to be with a diverse group of people and I feel like these experiences have prepared me to hold this position.

b. Bonefont: Describe a situation where you have confronted your personal bias.

i. I am part of a catholic youth ministry. Within each christian denomination, there is the overall belief and the specific beliefs. I have been put in situations where people have questioned my own personal beliefs but I have learned that no one is right or wrong, the thing that matters is to have respect for everyone's beliefs.

c. Lopez: Some of your initiatives align with some initiatives the Deputy Chief of Staff has proposed as well, such as heritage week. How do you plan on working with him to accomplish these initiatives?

i. I plan to establish and create bonds with different departments within the different organizations on campus and hopefully the bond we will have created will allow us to come up with different ideas to keep up with the program and even make it better.

d. O'Blenis: Which one would you rather be in a position of leadership effective or efficient, along with explaining Why?

i. I would want to be a combination of both. I don't think one is more important than the other. When it comes to effectiveness, it is about making change. Efficiency is about getting the job done. Having the combination of both is the best leadership style because they get the job done and do it in an untimely manner.

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- e. O'Brien: How do you plan to connect non-traditional students into the larger student community?
 - i. A lot of the events that I have cater to smaller demographics. By participating in these events, non-traditional students would have the chance to experience whatever it is they want to get into.
 - f. O'Brien: Can you name any of the National Pan-Hellenic Council.
 - i. I am sorry but at this time I cannot.
 - g. Bonefont Which initiative are you most excited about?
 - i. One of the initiatives that I am most excited about is the inclusion of IES students. I want to have a student from that background represented on my diversity council. My mom is a special needs teacher, these students really have a special place in my heart. But I am excited for all of my initiatives.
 - h. Bonefont: Do you have any experience with faith- or culture-based RSOs (that do not align with your identity)?
 - i. I was working with volunteer UCF and we were working with hillel on the garden that they are going to plant at Rosen. I have also reached out to different christians RSOs that I have reached out to during my freshman year.
 - i. Lopez: How has your time at UCF helped you become more culturally conscious?
 - i. I have been exposed to a lot of different cultures at UCF. I have had the opportunity to work with a lot of different people by being a part of different organizations on campus. By working with people from different backgrounds than I do, I have heard a lot of different opinions. UCF has done a great job at representing people from different backgrounds. I have heard a lot of people from different cultures and I wouldn't trade that experience for the world.
 - j. Lopez: How do you plan on reaching out to RSOs to get them engaged in your initiatives?
 - i. Ideally, I would want to reach out to every single RSO, if given the position, I would want to send a personal email to every single one of them. I would want to have zoom meetings with the leaders of the different RSOs, work with them, and see how we can best cooperate to bring more diversity and inclusion to campus.
3. Debate:
- a. Lopez: I am going to be abstaining because I know DanielLa on a very personal level. She is very detailed, she does her job and research, she is very vocal and I urge everyone to vote in favor.

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- b. O’Blenis: I have some reservations towards this candidate seeing how she was unable to name any black organizations on campus. I will be voting no because I am a part of the balck caucus and in order to best represent my constituents, I won’t be voting in her favor. But I am not here to sway anyone’s votes.
 - c. Bonefont: I will be voting in favor to pass you on to the Senate however, familiarizing yourself more with those organizations would be a great way to demonstrate your willingness to do this job.
4. Vote: 3-1-1
- iv. Emma Roehrig - Sustainability & Innovation Coordinator
 1. Speech: My position entails working with different organizations on campus to promote wellness and sustainability.. I have made very viable connections that will allow me to do this job effectively. I also have Sarah’s contact if I need her. I believe that I am more than capable to excel in this role because I have a great understanding of sustainability.
 2. Questioning:
 - a. Bonefont: What parts of your previous experience will help you the most in this position?
 - i. Last year, I was able to work under Sarah and be amember of her committee. I have experience in areas like renewable energy, I want to create more meal plans scholarships and expand knights pantry. I have familiarized myself with the process. Writing the proposal, carrying it out to the right people and with these skills I will be able to do my job effectively.
 - b. Bonefont: Do you have any initiatives that relate to the “innovation” aspect of this position?
 - i. For “innovation” I would say that has a lot to do with research and the students aspect, sustainability also has a lot to do with innovation as well. Last year, I was trying to create an interdisciplinary journal based on the UCF library resources, I would want to pursue that as an innovative project.
 - c. Lopez: Can you explain the Black Gold & Green Sustainability Integration Curriculum?
 - i. We are going to develop different workshops for the different colleges and teach them the basic concepts of sustainability. But we are going to make sure that we relay how it applies to each specific field because when students enter the workforce later on, it will be an important subject for them to be literate about.
 - d. O’Blenis: Which one would you rather be in a position of leadership effective or efficient, along with explaining Why?

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- i. I have not been a member of any political RSOs, which I think is a good thing because I do not hold any biases towards any of them. I have looked into College of Democrats, College of Republicans, and March for Our Lives. I would like to have a delegate from each of them for my Covid-19 initiative.
- c. Lopez: How do you plan working with GAP in accomplishing your initiatives?
 - i. I want to collaborate with GAP extensively and I want to attend every meeting, and keep informing them of what Exec is doing. I would love it for them to work with me if they are interested in any of my initiatives. I want to keep the lines of communication open so we can all work together. I love constructive criticism and I would love it if they could thoroughly review each of my initiatives so that we can work to make them as beneficial as they can be for the community.
- d. O’Blenis: Which one would you rather be in a position of leadership effective or efficient, along with explaining Why?
 - i. I want to pick both because I think they are equally important. I definitely want to be productive, diligent, and working all the time to make sure that my initiatives come to fruition. I want to make sure that I have the coverage, that every single proposal is inclusive of all the students, etc.
- e. O’Blenis: How do plan to engage non-POS and legal studies students in state Judicial elections this year.
 - i. I am hoping that I can address the point of targeting students who are undecided voters and not too interested in politics. I don’t want to sway anyone in a particular way but I want to make sure that they have all the necessary information they need to make a decision for themselves. I want to have a guest speaker from the supervisor of the elections office to showcase how important it is to get out and vote.
- f. Lopez: Can you please explain a time that you have been unbiased.
 - i. Part of my experience at UCF is that I sit as a member of the student conduct board and one of these experiences requires me to be unbiased at all times. We decide students’ future when it comes to if we should punish them and what consequences they should endure academically. This experience has definitely taught me to be unbiased.
- g. Lopez: How do you handle conflict with someone who disagrees with you?
 - i. Personally I don't consider myself an intense person, I think I am outgoing but not necessarily assertive. I love critical feedback, I

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think it makes things better. I always love to know what other people are thinking and I welcome their opinions. I don't want to put something forward that is not perfect and I would never ignore someone's suggestion on how to make something better because of pride. Critique is only welcomed.

3. Debate:
 - a. O'Blenis: I think Ms Hall is a good candidate for this role. I do like the fact that she has not been a member of any of the political organizations on campus. I think this will allow her to be unbiased. I think she is great for this position and I encourage all of you to vote in favor.
 - b. Bonefont: I will be voting in favor and I encourage you all to vote in favor as well. As a member of GAP, I was really happy to see that she showed up to the meeting. I think she will be great in that position and I look forward to working with her in the future.
4. Vote count: 5-0-0
- vi. Andrea Mungroo - Graphic Design Coordinator
 1. Speech: I am interested in web development and web design and I have done that professionally in the past. My main goals are to work with the OSI creative team, enhancing the student body's collegiate experience by encouraging them to be engaged and involved.
 2. Questioning:
 - a. Bonefont: What are your strengths and weaknesses in graphic design?
 - i. My strength is making sure that my customer is satisfied. I love going back and reviewing the work that I have done with them and making sure that they are satisfied with the outcome. My greatest weakness is that I am a perfectionist.
 - b. Bonefont: Do you have any experience in brand management?
 - i. I am working in a class right now called project management documentation. In the past, I have worked to create a unified name for conferences. I have worked with students in my organization to create their portfolios.
 - c. Lopez: How do you handle criticism or feedback based on your graphic design work?
 - i. I actually love feedback. I love taking into consideration what people want. And I use all this feedback in the future to learn.
 - d. O'Blenis: Which one would you rather be in a position of leadership effective or efficient, along with explaining Why?
 - i. Effective because I feel like you can be efficient in the process but if you are not effective what you are doing is not going to fall through accordingly.
 3. Debate:

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- a. Bonefont: I encourage you all to vote in favor of Andrea. If you take a look at her work, it is pretty great. She is clearly qualified, and I urge you all to vote in favor.
4. Vote count: 4-0-0
- vii. Makenna Subbert - Visual Media Coordinator
 1. Speech: I am a rising junior majoring in Marketing and minoring in Statistics. I am the lead of Marketing for both ALPFA UCF and the Pegasus Group. I want to create a great connection between the student government and the student body. I want to create content to show students we are here for them and working on their behalf even during times like this. I want to keep the lines of communication open especially with you guys so we can do great work that can benefit the student body.
 2. Questioning:
 - a. Bonefont: What are your strengths and weaknesses in content creation?
 - i. A strength of mine is to learn to communicate and be a good communicator. A weakness of mine with content creation would be my trouble saying no to projects. I want to take on as many projects as possible. I have a planner on my phone where I keep notes of all the projects that I have going on and it helps me not overwhelming myself with too many commitments.
 - b. Lopez: How do you plan to promote all three branches of SG, along with the Election Commission, equally?
 - i. I think it's definitely important to showcase all three branches. I want to set up an effective form of communication right away whether that be text messaging, phone call, emailing, and all. I want to ask you guys how I can best represent y'all. I know in the past you all have felt that you were sadly not being greatly represented. I want to sit down with you all to see how we can remedy that problem.
 - c. O'Blenis: How do you plan to connect with non-traditional students who may not use social media platforms at high rates compared to traditional students
 - i. It is important for me to talk to students. Right now, we can't be face to face but zoom calls work perfectly. Getting students involved with your events and asking them what is the most effective way to communicate with them and represent them are the methods I would use.
 - d. O'Blenis: Which one would you rather be in a position of leadership effective or efficient, along with explaining Why?
 - i. I would rather be effective. I think it is a lot better to be effective in this position to get your point across. By being effective, I can

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spend time on minor details to make sure that everyone is being represented as best as possible.

- e. Bonefont: Given your concerns about overcommitment, do you plan to maintain your positions in ALPFA and Pegasus Group?
 - i. I am stepping down from my leadership role from the pegasus group. Student Government is my main priority and I definitely want to make sure that I have as much time to dedicate to student government.

3. Debate:

- a. Bonefont: I will be voting in favor of her. From what I have seen, her work seems perfectly adequate. I encourage you all to vote in her favor.

4. Vote Count: 5-0-0

10. Member Discussion:

- a. Bonefont: Do you know by any chance if any of the appointees have expressed interests in E&A?
- b. Correa-Ferro: I sat in a couple of interviews, no one has expressed an interest but once they see what the process entails, I am sure they will be interested in joining and possibly run for Vice Chair.

11. Miscellaneous Business:

- a. Vice Chair nominations
 - i. Postponed till next E&A Meeting.

12. Final Roll Call:

13. Adjournment: 4:47 PM

Key:

P - Present

A - Absent

MTD - Move to debate

MTV - Move to vote

MTA- Move to amend

PP - Postpone

PPI - Postpone indefinitely

GC - general consent

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